

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-24 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 7-11, and 15-17 have been amended. Claims 18-24 have been withdrawn. No claims have been cancelled or added.

Therefore, claims 1-17 are now presented for examination.

Election

The Examiner has required restriction to one of Group I (claims 1-18 – grant generator for a switching network arrangement), Group II (claims 19-22 – method for scheduling service), or Group III (claims 23-24 – binary round robin tree cell circuit), finding that Group II is a subcombination of Group I and that Group III is a subcombination of Group I.

Without any concession regarding the substance of the restriction requirement, Applicant elects **Group I (claims 1-18)**. Applicant withdraws Groups II and III, claims 19-22.

Of Group I, Applicant also at this time withdraws claim 18, thus providing **claims 1-17** for examination.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the claims be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time if Needed

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be needed. Please charge any fee to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Charge our Deposit Account

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Respectfully submitted,

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